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1. The fight inside the Czechoslovak Social Democratic Party to eliminate Zdenek Fierlinger as party Chairman dates from July 1947. At that time Fierlinger future policy would be: (a) to get as much support as possible from the workers, workers' councils, and national councils; (b) to keep the Social Democratic Party distinct until after the next elections and then merge it with the Communist Party in a "Workers' Movement". Other party leaders realized that such a merger would give the Communists a majority greater than 51 percent in the National Front and permanently upset the present balance.

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